

REMARKS

The applicants again wish to thank the examiner for his November 6, 2008 telephone interview, and subsequent telephone calls.

During the November 6, 2008 interview, the applicants' attorney and examiner discussed the current rejection of the pending claims in view of US 6,567,083 (Baum et al., hereinafter "Baum"). Specifically, the applicants' attorney explained to the examiner how the pending rejection is improper because relevant disclosure in Baum (e.g., discussion of floating point frame buffers, among other things) is a publication of applicants' own invention. The applicants explained how the declarations submitted on May 16, 2008 demonstrate this fact. As such, the pending claims are allowable.

At the end of that interview, the examiner appeared to understand that the rejection was improper, and he indicated that he would consider the points made during the interview.

On November 21, 2008, the applicants' attorney and examiner again spoke by telephone. During this conversation, the examiner said that the claims were allowable and that the applicants should receive a notice of allowance within one to two weeks. After not receiving a notice of allowance in that one to two week period, the applicants' attorney again called the examiner, who replied (in a December 9, 2008 follow-up voicemail on the undersigned's voicemail) that proper US Patent and Trademark protocol requires applicants to submit a paper summarizing the interview. After he received that paper, he would mail the notice of allowance. The applicants therefore submit this additional paper summarizing the interview and follow-up communications, and request that the examiner now forward the notice of allowance.

The applicants request that the examiner call Steven Saunders at 617-443-9292 if he has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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